(b) to (d) 70 Roads works, over a length of 156.86 km, have been completed in Phase-I of PMGSY, for which an amount of Rs. 5.00 crore was released to the State. An equal amount was released to the State in Phase-II for which sufficient proposals were to be forwarded by the State Government. However, only 14 road works, over a length of 16.98 km, at a cost of Rs. 3.64 crore could be sanctioned in Phase-II, out of which the State Government has reported completion of two road works, over a length of 1.87 km. Expenditure of Rs. 32.00 lakhs has also been reported for this Phase. No proposal was received from the State for Phase-III. In Phase-IV, 6 road works, over a length of 4.32 km, have been approved at a cost of Rs. 1.08 crore which is to be met out of the savings available under Phase-II. No work of Phase-IV has been completed.

Grameen Sadak Yojana

†2693. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount spent by Central Government on Grameen Sadak Yojana during the last three years;

(b) whether State Government also contribute in this scheme; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) The Ministry of Rural Development has spent an amount of Rs. 9005.70 crore on Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) during the period 2003-04 to 2005-06.

(b) and (c) PMGSY is a 100% Centrally funded programme. However, making land available for PMGSY road works is the responsibility of the State Governments. The State Governments are also expected to bear the tender premium, if any, and cost of maintenance.

Complaints about irregularities in PMGSY

2694. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints about some irregularity and loopholes in Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in various parts of the country;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken against erring agencies;

(c) whether Government have fixed accountability and responsibility for the proper implementation of this scheme in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (d) 'Rural Roads' being a State subject, the State Governments are primarily responsible for ensuring (i) proper implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and (ii) the quality of the road works being taken up under the programme. The complaints relating to irregularities in the implementation of PMGSY are normally referred to the State Governments concerned for appropriate remedial action. The quality of every road work is required to be examined by the Programme Implementation Units and State Quality Monitors appointed by the State Governments. However, as the third tier of Quality Control Mechanism, the National Quality Monitors (NQMs) are engaged for inspection, at random, of the road works under the programme.

PMGSY in Himachal Pradesh

2695. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Badiyara-Maghara Road was included in the District Rural Roads Plan of Shimla District under PMGSY in 2001 but the road has been constructed only upto Nandla village;

(b) whether due to negative attitude of the authorities, the road from Nandla to Maghara has not been constructed despite the area being hilly and construction of road would benefit thousands of villages and fruit/ vegetable growers;

(c) if so, the details thereof and directions issued to State Government; and

(d) the names of contractors against whom the action is proposed to be taken for delay and non-fulfilment of PMGSY guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) and (b) As reported